

this kind which have appeared in recent years. Consideration is given to such topics as insect structure and growth; food and feeding habits; insect voices; social life among the insects; collecting and rearing insects; book lists for further study, and the like. Some of the material here presented originally was issued in publications of the San Jose Teacher's College. It has, however, been extensively revised; many new sections and one new chapter as well as many new illustrations have been added. Practically all the photographs were taken by the junior author, and many of these are of considerable excellence.—J. S. W.

*Of Ants and Men.* By Caryl P. Haskins. Research Associate, Harvard University. 8vo., cloth, 244 p., 15 illus. New York, Prentice-Hall Inc., 1939. \$2.75.

In this book the author undertakes to make a brief review of the origin and evolution of ants. Further, the author treats of their concerted behavior in so far as it illustrates some of the similarities and some of the differences which exist between their social life and that of ourselves. The data assembled and presented form excellent exemplifications of the truism that, almost inevitably, any group of animals and plants, which superficially may appear a most compact and homogeneous unit, will upon minute examination be found to contain the widest diversification in membership. Some of these similarities and dissimilarities are here discussed in detail, while others are given scarcely more than mere mention. Against a well developed background, man is brought into spotlight. The author holds no halo over his head either from the standpoint of the present time or from the background of the past. He does, however, have confidence in humanity in dealing with the problems of existence or, as Thoreau would put it: "There is more day to dawn." Since this volume is one of selections of the Scientific Book Club, it is probable that it will find its way into the library both of the serious scientific worker and the dilettante. Fortunately, any one can read this little book with pleasure and profit, and the more the reader already knows about ants and about men, the keener will be the enjoyment of it.—J. S. W.